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/ 1. (Previously Presented) A method of displaying a static information tip comprising the steps of:

- providing a plurality of data fields, wherein the plurality of data fields comprises a first data field and a second data field;
- focusing on the first data field;
- in response to focusing on the first data field, displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;
- focusing on the second data field;
- hiding from view the first static information tip; and
- in response to focusing on the second data field, displaying a second static information tip proximate to the second data field;

whereby the first static information tip does not interrupt data input into the first data field and whereby the first information tip remains displayed until the step of focusing on the second data field.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

- entering data in the first data field;
- determining that the data entered in the first data field is erroneous;
- focusing on the first data field; and
- displaying a third static information tip proximate to the first data field,

whereby the third static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the first data field.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the steps of:

- entering data in the second data field;
- determining that the data entered in the second data field is erroneous;
- focusing on the second data field; and
- displaying a fourth static information tip proximate to the second data field,

whereby the fourth static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the second data field.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:  
displaying an error marker proximate to the first data field to indicate the data entered in the first data field is erroneous.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising the step of:  
displaying an error marker proximate to the first and second data fields to indicate the data entered in the first and second data fields is erroneous.

6. (Previously Presented) A method of displaying a static information tip and an error marker comprising the steps of:

    focusing on a first data field;  
    in response to focusing on the first data field, displaying a first static information tip proximate to the first data field;  
    entering data in the first data field while continuing to display the first static information tip;  
    focusing on a second data field;  
    hiding from view the first static information tip;  
    determining the data entered into the first data field is erroneous;  
    placing an error marker adjacent to the first data field;  
    refocusing on the first data field; and  
    displaying a second static information tip proximate to the first data field, the second static information tip containing information for correcting the data entered into the first data field.

7. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions which when executed by a computer perform the steps of:

    providing a plurality of data fields, wherein the plurality of data fields comprises a first data field and a second data field;  
    focusing on the first data field;  
    in response to focusing on the first data field, displaying a first static

information tip proximate to the first data field;  
focusing on the second data field;  
hiding from view the first static information tip; and  
in response to focusing on the second data field, displaying a second static information tip proximate to the second data field;  
whereby the first static information tip does not interrupt data input into the first data field and whereby the first information tip remains displayed until the step of focusing on the second data field.

8. (Original) The medium of claim 7, further comprising the steps of: entering data in the first data field; determining that the data entered in the first data field is erroneous; focusing on the first data field; and  
displaying a third static information tip proximate to the first data field, whereby the third static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the first data field.

9. (Original) The medium of claim 8, further comprising the steps of: entering data in the second data field; determining that the data entered in the second data field is erroneous; focusing on the second data field; and  
displaying a fourth static information tip proximate to the second data field, whereby the fourth static information tip does not interrupt corrective data input into the second data field.

10. (Original) The medium of claim 8, further comprising the step of:  
displaying an error marker proximate to the first data field to indicate the data entered in the first data field is erroneous.

11. (Original) The medium of claim 9, further comprising the step of:  
displaying an error marker proximate to the first and second data fields to indicate the data entered in the first and second data fields is erroneous.

12. (Previously Presented) A system for displaying a static information tip and an error marker comprising a computer program module operative

- to focus on a first data field;
- to display a first static information tip proximate to the first data field in response to focusing on the first data field;
- to receive data in the first data field while continuing to display the first static information tip;
- to determine the data entered into the first data field is erroneous;
- to place an error marker adjacent to the first data field;
- to refocus on the first data field; and
- to display a second static information tip proximate to the first data field, the second static information tip containing information for correcting the data entered into the first data field.